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First Named Applicant: Paul D. Perry et al.
Attorney Docket No.: 2004P05545US
Application No.: 10/821,179
Filing Date: 04/09/2004
Examiner Name: Schneider, Craig M.
Group Art Unit: 3753
Title: Housing for a Valve Apparatus

MAIL STOP PETITION
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PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120

The benefit claim in the first paragraph of the above-identified patent application did not include the relationship of the subject application with the priority applications. Although the claim was also included in the filed Declaration, the claim was not included by the Office in the filing receipt. The period for submitting the specific reference to the benefit claim in the first sentence of the specification has expired.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM IN THE SUBJECT PATENT APPLICATION.

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- (1) The reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) to the prior application is contained in a Response to Final Rejection enclosed herewith.
- (2) A surcharge of \$1370 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) is included in the check enclosed herewith.
- (3) STATEMENT: The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) and the date the claim is being filed was unintentional.

Respectfully,

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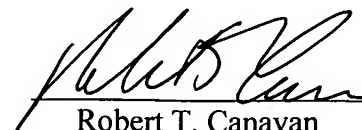
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EXAMINER:

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.113(c)

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Official Action mailed August 18, 2006, regarding the above-identified application. A response was due on November 18, 2006. Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time and check in the amount of \$1020 to cover the extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), making this Response due on February 18, 2007.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.